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EXTENSION OF THE FOURTH COUNTRY PROGRAMME FOR MALTA

Note by the Administrator

1. The fourth country programme for Malta was approved by the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987) for the programme period 1987 to 1991.

2. The provisions of decision 91/29 of 25 June 1991 concerning countries with per capita gross national product (GNP) above $3,000 apply to Malta, which had a per capita GNP of $4,400 in 1989. The indicative planning figure (IPF) for the fifth cycle is being calculated according to the provisions of decision 91/29. The Governing Council will be informed of this amount at its thirty-ninth session. After comprehensive discussions, the Government informed the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in November 1991, through the office of the Resident Representative, of its intent to support continued UNDP-Malta cooperation through increased Government cost-sharing contributions for the fifth programming cycle.

3. Consultations are currently ongoing with regard to the orientation of the new country programme, in which activities will concentrate on the areas of focus specified in decision 90/34 of 23 June 1990 and the comparative advantage of UNDP in Malta.

4. The Government expects to submit the fifth country programme to the Governing Council at its special session in February 1993.

5. For the above reasons, the Government has requested a one-year extension of the current country programme. This will provide the required time to

prepare the new country programme and to estimate the Government contributions needed to maintain the UNDP presence in Malta. The emphasis of the current country programme on management skills and improvement of the efficiency of the public sector will remain valid for the period of programme extension.

6. The Administrator wishes to inform the Governing Council that he has approved the extension of the fourth country programme for Malta for a period of one year, beginning 1 January 1992.